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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENCIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application in the below indicated manner.<sup>1</sup>***In the Claims:***

Please amend claims 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A hinge connection according to claim 1, wherein the hinge arm (1) includes a main arm portion (11), and the spacing member (15) and the hinge pin (16) are integrally formed and rotatably mounted at an end of the main arm portion (11).

5. (Amended) A hinge connection according to claim 1, wherein the spacing member (15) is contiguous with the hinge pin (16).

6. (Amended) A hinge connection according to claim 1, wherein the hinge recess (2) includes guide surfaces (22, 231), and the corner is a groove defined by the

<sup>1</sup> The change(s) to the specification and/or claims are shown by underscoring and bracketing in the marked-up version attached hereto as an Appendix.